

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1 1. A print control apparatus comprises,
2 an information obtaining means which obtains from
3 a printer, information regarding a consumed level of
4 a consumable item,
5 a receiving means which selectively receives a
6 setting from a user in which a notice that the consumed
7 level of the consumable item is in advanced stage is
8 limited to once within a predetermined period of time,
9 a notifying means which notifies the user that
10 the consumed level of the consumable item is in
11 advanced stage, and
12 a determining means which determines whether or
13 not the user is notified of an advanced consumed level
14 as to the consumable item whose consumed level is found
15 to be in advanced stage according to said information
16 regarding the consumed level, wherein,
17 when the consumable item whose consumed level is
18 found to be in advanced stage has a setting that the
19 notice as to advanced consumed level is limited to once
20 within the predetermined period of time, and said
21 notice has already been given within said
22 predetermined period of time, said determining means
23 determines that the user is not notified of the

24 advanced consumed level, and when said notice has not
25 been given to the user within said predetermined period
26 of time, said determining means determines that the
27 user is notified of the advanced consumed level.

1 2. A printer control unit according to claim 1,
2 wherein,

3 said predetermined period of time is one day, and
4 said determining means stores a date when the
5 notice is given to the user, if the setting is such
6 that the notice as to advanced consumed level regarding
7 the consumable item whose consumed level is in advanced
8 stage, is limited to once within said predetermined
9 period of time.

1 3. A printer control unit according to claim 1,
2 wherein,

3 said receiving means further selectively
4 receives a setting that the notice as to the advanced
5 consumed level is not given and a setting that the
6 notice as to advanced consumed level is given without
7 limiting the number of times.

1 4. A printer control unit according to claim 1,
2 wherein,

3 said printer is provided with plural types of
4 consumable items,

5 said information obtaining means obtains
6 information regarding a consumed level per consumable
7 item from said printer, and

8 said receiving means selectively receives per
9 consumable item a setting that the notice as to
10 advanced consumed level of the consumable item is
11 limited to once within the predetermined period of
12 time.

1 5. A recording medium on which a computer program is
2 recorded, wherein,

3 said computer program allows a computer to
4 execute,

5 an information obtaining process which obtains
6 from a printer, information regarding a consumed level
7 of a consumable item,

8 a receiving process which selectively receives
9 from a user a setting that a notice as to advanced
10 consumed level of the consumable item is limited to
11 once within a predetermined period of time, and

12 a process which does not notify the user of the
13 advanced consumed level, if the user is already
14 notified of the advanced consumed level of the

15 consumable item within said predetermined period of
16 time, and which notifies the user of the advanced
17 consumed level, if the user is not notified of the
18 advanced consumed level of the consumable item within
19 said predetermined period of time, when the consumable
20 item, whose consumed level is found to be in advanced
21 stage according to said information regarding said
22 consumed level, has a setting that the notice as to
23 advanced consumed level is limited to once within said
24 predetermined period of time.

1 6. A recording medium according to claim 5, wherein,
2 said predetermined period of time is one day, and
3 said program further allows said computer to
4 execute a process which stores a date when the notice
5 is given to the user, if the setting is such that the
6 notice as to advanced consumed level of the consumable
7 item whose consumed level is in advanced stage, is
8 limited to once within said predetermined period of
9 time.

1 7. A recording medium according to claim 5, wherein,
2 said printer is provided with plural types of
3 consumable items,
4 said information obtaining means obtains

5 information regarding the consumed level per
6 consumable item from said printer, and
7 said receiving means selectively receives per
8 consumable item a setting that the notice as to
9 advanced consumed level of the consumable item is
10 limited to once within the predetermined period of
11 time.